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Budget for a Better Minnesota: Education

Investing in Our Students Every Step of the Way

Governor Dayton's budget makes major investments in education. The Governor's budget follows through on his promise to increase support for education every year he is Governor: no excuses, no exceptions. It also makes crucial investments in higher education to give our workforce the knowledge and skills to compete in a 21st Century global economy.

Investing More than \$640 Million in Minnesota Students

» **\$240 Million for Higher Education.** The Governor's budget provides: \$80 million for the State Grant Program, making college more affordable for another 5,000 students; \$80 million for the University of Minnesota and \$80 million for MnSCU.

» **\$344 Million for E-12 Education.** The Governor's budget increases E-12 funding by an average of \$72 per student in FY2014 and \$339 per student in FY2015 through the following new investments:

- **\$125 Million for Special Education.** The Governor's budget invests in special education reform, providing needed funding and greater funding equity for schools.
- **\$118 Million Increase on the Formula.** The Governor's budget increases investments in the school funding formula, providing \$52 in new money for every student in the state.
- **\$44 Million for Early Childhood Education Scholarships.** The Governor's budget provides scholarships that help 10,000 more children attend high quality child care and preschool.
- **\$40 Million for All Day Kindergarten.** The Governor's budget invests \$40 million to help Minnesota school districts provide optional All-Day K to students free of charge.
- **\$10 Million for Teacher Evaluation.** The Governor's budget begins a new teacher evaluation system that supports teachers and will result in better student achievement.
- **\$8.9 Million for English Language Learning.** The Governor's budget extends funding for ELL from 5 to 7 years to help develop language skills for full participation in the classroom.
- **\$9 Million in Savings.** The Governor's budget achieves savings through forecast and accounting efficiencies.

» **\$4.5 Million for Regional Centers of Excellence.** The Governor's budget establishes six new Regional Centers of Excellence to help the state's most struggling schools, with a focus on Greater Minnesota.

» **\$1.8 Million for Paperwork Reduction.** The Governor's budget permanently reduces special education paperwork, giving teachers more time in the classroom and less time filling out forms.

» **\$1 Million for School Bullying Prevention.** The Governor's budget invests in a School Climate Center to provide guidance, training, and support to schools to create safer environments for students to learn.